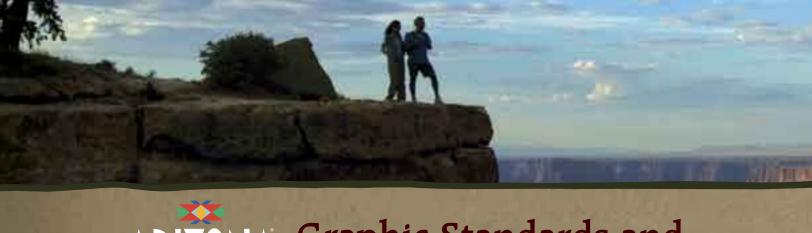




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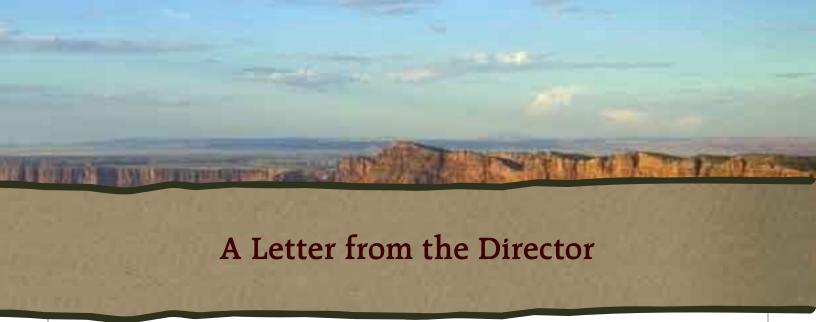
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In today's intensely competitive marketplace, brands and the emotional connections that they are able to forge with their target audiences are key elements of competitive advantage. Yet traditional branding methods are being rendered ineffective as increasingly skeptical and message-bombarded consumers become overwhelmed by the noisy clutter of brand claims and hype.

A clearly articulated brand position is key to driving high impact and consistent brand messaging that cuts through the hype, differentiates your brand from the sea of competitors and resonates with your target consumers. Why? Because it is what a brand stands for in the mind of the target customer that dictates whether a product or service wins or loses in today's marketplace.

On behalf of the Arizona Office of Tourism (AOT) I want to thank you for your interest in helping brand Arizona. This style guide will provide general guidance for using AOT messages, graphic and stylistic elements for promotion across a broad platform of mediums. The purpose of this guide is to create a recognizable and distinguishable brand that embodies the core brand promise for Arizona. The images, colors and style elements are representative of the overall brand positioning that AOT has defined. Because it was designed to solidly convey these elements, proper and consistent usage will help to ensure the overall effectiveness of the Arizona brand.

Thank you,

Margie A. Emmermann



The purpose of this style guide is to provide general guidance to organizations using AOT messages and graphic elements in promotional materials and campaigns, including products, services and destinations.

All marketing communications are influential in shaping and reinforcing an accurate and consistent image of our state. Whether it's a tourism Web site, a marketing campaign, a park's facilities guide, newsletter, or a direct mail piece encouraging business development, we want to stand apart from the competition and communicate that Arizona is unique. Most importantly, we want to present a consistent look, feel and tone. Over time, that will build a better foundation for us in visitors' minds and hearts.



"Seize the Day" encapsulates the feeling and excitement of Arizona. In one day, an Arizona visitor can go from snow-capped mountains to the Sonoran Desert, from a posh resort to a rustic dude ranch cookout. The state's innate characteristics lend a unique and varied set of adventures in which a visitor can embark. The Seize the Day attitude is positive, proactive, energetic and most of all, adventurous. All of our communications should reflect this genuine personality, whether directly or indirectly.

This eloquent and poignant brand statement should be implemented not so much as a tagline to go along with the logo, but more as a statement to accompany the entire package of texture, photography, and messaging.

The uniform use of the Arizona Office of Tourism theme will enhance the recognition of ads and maximize our collective investment in marketing and media placement. These guidelines are not intended to inhibit creativity or to increase the difficulty of production, but rather are provided to assist in communicating a consistent and positive identity for Arizona. To ensure the success of the Arizona branding and to guarantee the quality and consistency of Arizona's brand identity, all logo usage must comply with the design guidelines provided in this document.

THE AOT IDENTITY MARKS



FOUR MAIN VERSIONS









- 1. white logo on color/ black 2. black logo on color/white
- 3. four-color logo for dark backgrounds 4. four-color logo for light backgrounds

Please note: There are two additional identity marks that were developed for very specific placements and are rarely used. These horizontal versions are to be used only if the space available for the mark is extremely constricted vertically and none of the main versions would fit comfortably. Or it is being placed online or in an interactive medium.

1. white logo on color/black



2. black logo on color/white



It's impossible to list the myriad of ways in which the AOT logo can be manipulated incorrectly. Instead, we have given the following checklist to make sure it is being used correctly. If you can answer all of the following questions satisfactorily, chances are, you are following the standards of the Arizona brand.

AOT IDENTITY USAGE GUIDELINES

Are the logos in their original proportions? (YES.)

Are any elements separated, moved or removed? (NO.)

Is the "Grand Canyon State" text legible at the final reproduction size? (YES.)

Is the logo crowded with other graphical elements, such as typography and imagery? (NO.)

Do the colors match the colors of the original logo files? (YES.)

Are there any drop shadows, overlays or other filters added to the logo? (NO.)

Does the registered symbol (®) accompany the logo? (YES.)

The Arizona brand is not only the logo, it's the accumulative effect of using the appropriate graphic elements, messaging, photography and tone to communicate a particular experience and feeling. Emphasizing the same set of visual elements will build a consistent look across many mediums.

VISUAL ELEMENTS INVENTORY



Typography is an important element we use to convey the brand personality. Our main font, Raleigh, has an authentic nature, strong form and a unique personality. It was based on Carl Dair's Cartier typeface, which was designed for the Canadian Centennial and the 1967 Montreal World's Fair. Use this font for headlines and subheads.

VISUAL ELEMENTS_Typography_main

Raleigh Roman ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 123456789

Raleigh Medium ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 123456789

Raleigh Demi ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 123456789

Raleigh Bold ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 123456789 There are other fonts in our family of typography. The first, Trade Gothic, should be used for short body copy in advertising and collateral materials. Vendetta is to be used in long format copy, such as advertorials, brochures and articles. Vendetta can be replaced with a more common serif font (lightweight) such as Garamond, Palatino or Baskerville.

VISUAL ELEMENTS_Typography_subfonts

Trade Gothic Condensed No. 18
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 123456789

Trade Gothic Bold Condensed No. 20 ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 123456789 Vendetta Light ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 123456789

Vendetta Medium ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 123456789

There are a few occassions where a certain word or phrase in a headline needs to stand out, either for meaning or for impact. In such a case, a script font can be used. (Never use these fonts for entire headlines or thoughts.) Though not officially listed as a member of our font family, these fonts include Poppl-Exquisit, Berthold Script, Snel Roundhand, or any similar script font as long as it's used with restraint. See page twenty-eight for an example.

Perhaps the most striking element of all is the imagery used in a particular medium. Photography, when carefully selected, can reinforce key messaging points, add emotional and visual interest, and directly show all that Arizona has to offer. In our case, the imagery is also the product. Here are a few guidelines to keep in mind when using photography:

VISUAL ELEMENTS_Photography

Select photography that showcases an experience and is not simply a landscape or natural still life.

Try to crop the photo in such a way that nothing important is missing.

If a single photograph cannot convey the message, find one or two more that complement the first photograph.

Avoid imagery that seems dull or unimaginative whenever possible.

Select photography that highlights the diversity of our visitors.

Remember that imagery should always add meaning to the overall message. If this isn't the case, re-evaluate its importance.

For more information, contact the Arizona Office of Tourism's Advertising Division at (602) 364-3699.



The color palettes for our brand have been carefully selected to reflect the natural resources of Arizona. They are authentically earthy, while retaining the bright and colorful nature of all of our cultures.

First-Level Colors

These colors should be used for primary elements such as textures and important copy points. Tints, shades and transparencies are acceptable (when necessary.) However, they should never exceed 30%.

Second-Level Colors

This palette should be used to complement the first-level colors, but never so much that they overwhelm them. Tints, shades and transparencies are acceptable (when necessary). However, they should never exceed 30%.



First-Level Colors name pantone cmyk				Second-Level Colors name pantone cmyk		
turquoise	253-1 c	c 77 m 4 y 44 k 3	IEU	91-2 c	c 17 m 84 y 87 k 4	
sienna	71-1 c	c 26 m 7 y 91 k 1	loyalty	166-2 c	c 49 m 68 y 10 k 2	
olive	315-1 c	c 76 m 4 y 92 k 5	Callal V	5-2 с	c 3 m 2 y 91 k 0	
khaki	317-8 c	c 37 m 4 y 69 k 2	DIK y	236-1 с	c 3 m 2 y 91 k 0	
green	308-2 c	c 45 m 3 y 86 k 2	Ofalige	32-1 c	c 2 m 43 y 83 k 0	
chili	321-3 c	c 40 m 9 y 94 k 4	111116	304-1 c	c 44 m 17 y 98 k 4	
slate	326-5 c	c 0 m y 0 k 7				
blue	217-2 c	c83 m4 y30 k1				

In order to keep any designs or layouts from feeling too contrived or derivative of the computer, we leverage the use of a texture. This texture was developed to add warmth and an organic touch to our communication; and uses the first-level color palette as its origin. Instead of using a block of color, use a field of this texture whenever possible. This guide uses most of the textures in our collection.

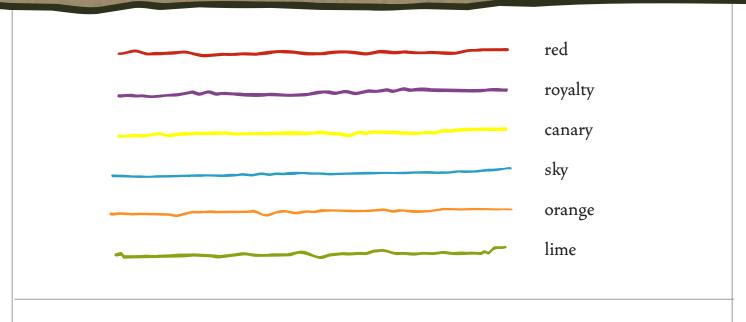
VISUAL ELEMENTS_Textures



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Another element that adds a human touch to our communication efforts is the horizon line. Designed to loosely resemble an Arizona horizon, this uneven stroke is used mainly to seperate elements (such as photography from the texture, or information from imagery) within a design and can do so vertically or horizontally. It keeps layouts from becoming too angular or square. Most often, they are implemented in the second-level color palette.

VISUAL ELEMENTS_horizon line



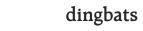
Users may choose to create their own horizon line, as long as
they remember that the stroke needs to be relatively flat.

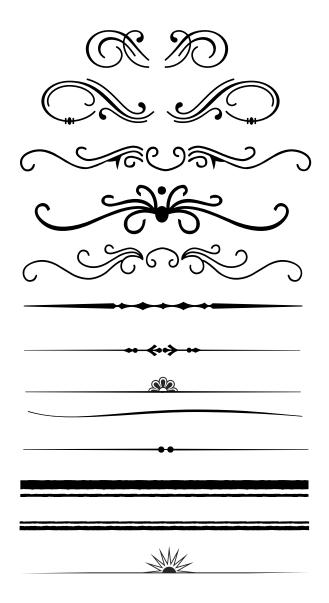
There are times when an extra element is required to help separate space in a layout or to keep the overall design organized. In such cases, we utilize printer fleurons, which are basically small dingbats and ornaments created to complement the content and tone of that particular piece of communication. Care has been taken to create a set designed specifically for our brand, though they should be used sparingly. For more information, contact the Arizona Office of Tourism's Advertising Division at (602) 364-3699.

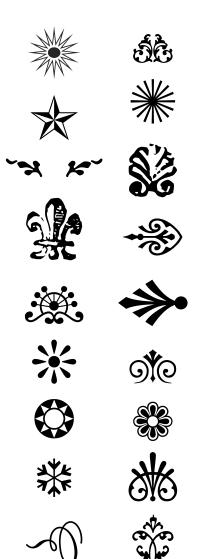
VISUAL ELEMENTS_Fleurons



linear separators







There's a perception in the minds of consumers that the desert is the only thing to see when visiting Arizona. What visitors do not understand is that Arizona is very unique compared to other destinations. Here, visitors can enjoy a wide range of activities — many, all in one day. For example, in the morning visitors can play golf and at night enjoy a night out on the town. Or they can hike a mountain trail and later they can relax with a soothing massage.

When writing a headline or body copy for marketing materials related to Arizona, it is important to consider the tone, style and character of the Arizona brand. It's also integral to keep in mind the content of the photo and allow for a twist between what is expected and what is actually written.

MESSAGE & MANNER

Headlines:

With this in mind, try to incorporate that "contrast" message into every headline and follow through with the thought in the body copy. Headlines should maintain a clever honesty. They should be concise and to the point. And try to avoid too many superlatives.

Body copy:

The body copy should reflect the brand in that it should be written as if you, the writer, are conversing with someone at a coffee shop or with a relative in another state. Remember, the magic is in the product and there is no other more beautiful product than Arizona. The copy should be casual, friendly and honest. Do this and you'll have your audience visiting Arizona before your know it.

MESSAGE & MANNER_Headlines and copy





There is almost a limitless variety of mediums through which we communicate the values, benefits and pleasure of an Arizona experience. Although not exclusive, the following are examples of some of these mediums and a succinct walk-through of the designs, ie: what elements were used, how they were used and why. This should help the user solve their particular design challenge and result in the best visual solution.

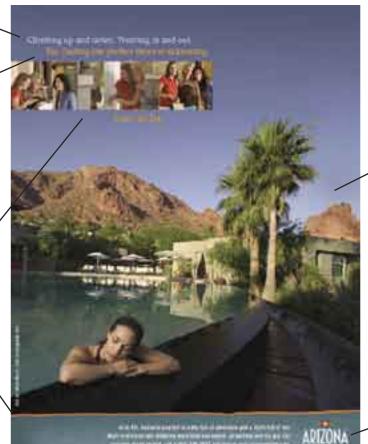
Advertising

Raleigh, approx. 15 pt.

Headline uses the same color as the bottom texture, and a complementary color.

Headline and inset photos are sized to fit into negative space of the photo.

Horizon line is ragged, but overall fairly straight, and is set in a complementary color.



NOTE:

If you were to pick one piece by which to measure a design solution, this is it.

Photos highlight the interaction between the person and the environment and are neither a simple landscape or portrait.

White AOT identity chosen to separate from the darker background.

Trade Gothic, approx. 11 pt.

Texture color chosen to match elements in photography.

Partner Advertising

One instance where the complementary color of the headline is simply a tint of the first color. This kept the middle from competing against the photos. $\[\]$

If possible, make an attempt to coordinate the photos so they work together; as in this case: it is a blue hue with warm, yellow and orange highlights.



Yet another way to treat secondary photos, when one doesn't have the appropriate insets, all using the same talent.

A very rare instance of using the horizontal version of the AOT identity mark; mainly because of space and the subordinate role compared to the Flagstaff logo.

Interactive

The fleurons are set back and are used delicately so not to take away from more important elements. Color palette between the textures, type and color fields is consistent and complementary.



Photo chosen to match the topic of the piece. The preference for photography is to be as experiential as possible. When listing a lot of information, it can be helpful to use a color field instead of a texture; making sure it is made up of one of your colors.

Poster

WIN A Grip FOR GWO TO SUNNY PHOENIX, ARIZONA

When using more than one texture, the textures should complement each other's hue and tone.

Again, fleurons are set back and are used delicately so not to take away from more important elements.

Photo again highlights the interaction between the person and the environment.

Black AOT identity chosen to separate from the lighter background.

In the main campaign advertisements, the photos are inset. Here, the secondary photos are not inset, but are still treated in a similar manner, with separation between them. accommodations at the Arizona Biltmore Resort & Spa.

ASK INSIDE FOR DETAILS. NO PURCHASE NECESSARY.

GetAwayToA





Long format

Textures and horizon lines remain to add color, but take a backseat to the informative nature of this type of communication. Vendetta (or similar light font) is used for long body copy.

Raleigh is still used for headlines, subheads, callouts, and charts.

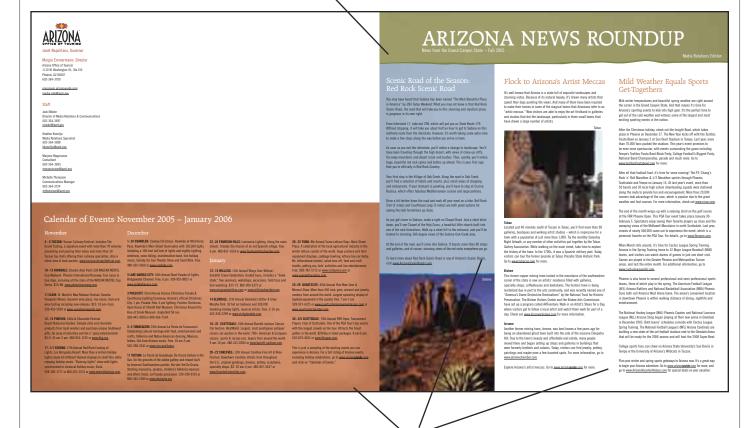


Inset photos remain a key element to add visual interest in a copy-heavy layout.

White (negative) space is important so that long format copy remains easy to read and clearly presented.

Informational

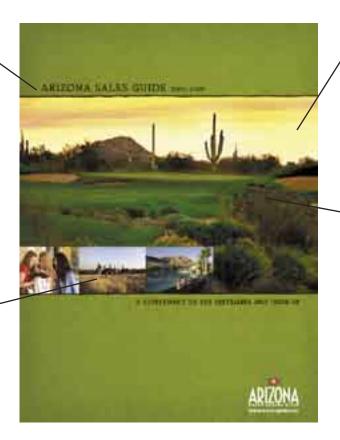
Another use of the textures and horizon lines is to divide sections in informational pieces.



White (negative) space is important again, though it's also used in the color fields, as well as the texture. Even on informational pieces, you want to strike a spacious tone.

Collateral

Another instance where the complementary color . is a tint of the original.



Keep a 1:3 or 1:2 ratio between photo and texture on cover art.

Here the main photo matches the overall color palette within the piece.

When related to the topic, inset photos can be used to add visual interest even on collateral.

Photos, textures, type and color fields are complementary and within color palette guidelines.



Notice the use of the accent script font in the headline. This is one way to draw attention to a piece of copy, when used with a light touch.

High contrast between body copy and the background texture is maintained to ensure legibility.



